

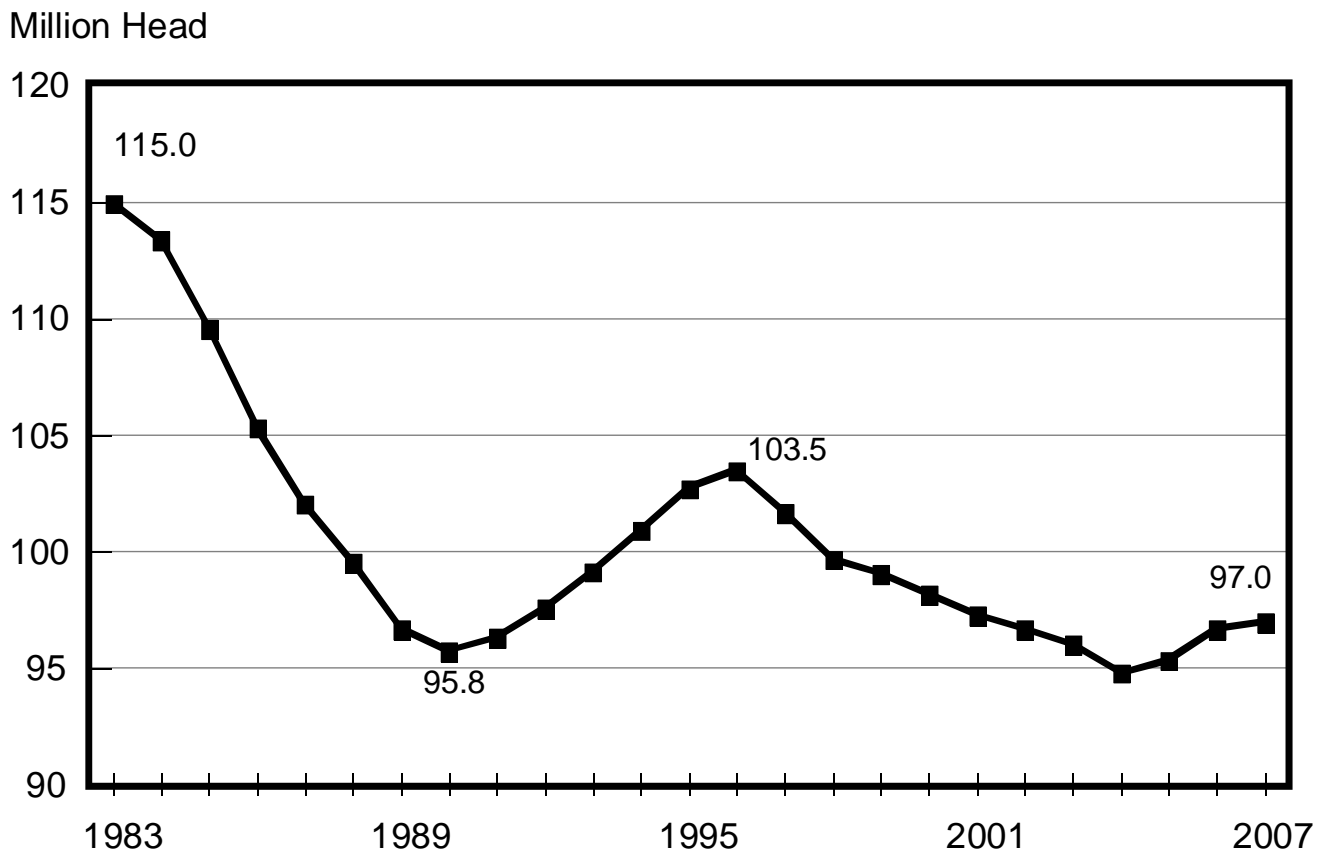


MINNESOTA CATTLE INVENTORY UP 3 PERCENT, US INVENTORY UP SLIGHTLY

Minnesota cattle and calves inventory was 2,420,000 head on January 1, 2007, up 3 percent from the January 1, 2006 inventory, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. The U.S. inventory at 97.0 million head was up less than one percent from the previous year.

Minnesota cows and heifers that have calved totaled 860,000 head on January 1, 2007, 3 percent above last year. Beef cows in the state, at 405,000 head, were up 4 percent and milk cows, at 455,000 head, were up 2 percent from a year ago. Nationally, the total cows and heifers that have calved were 42.0 million head, down less than one percent from a year ago. Beef cows, at 32.9 million head, were down slightly from January 1, 2006 and milk cows, at 9.13 million head, were up 1 percent from last year.

United States Cattle Inventory January 1, 1983-2007



ITEM	MINNESOTA			UNITED STATES		
	(Thousands)		2007 as % of 2006	(Thousands)		2007 as % of 2006
	2006	2007		2006	2007	
All Cattle & Calves	2,350	2,420	103	96,701	97,003	100
All Cows	835	860	103	42,056	42,023	100
Beef Cows	390	405	104	32,994	32,894	100
Milk Cows	445	455	102	9,063	9,129	101
All Heifers 500 Lbs.+	530	545	103	19,984	20,086	101
Beef Replacement Heifers	95	100	105	5,904	5,877	100
Expected to Calve	NA	NA		3,580	3,568	
Milk Replacement Heifers	265	270	102	4,275	4,310	101
Expected to Calve	NA	NA		2,896	2,842	
Other Heifers	170	175	103	9,805	9,899	101
Steers 500 Lbs. & Over	450	460	102	16,933	17,222	102
Bulls 500 Lbs. & Over	35	35	100	2,263	2,215	98
Calves Under 500 Lbs.	500	520	104	15,465	15,456	100
Cattle & Calves on Feed	290	285	98	14,132	14,269	101
	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
Calf Crop	800	830	104	37,575	37,567	100